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In Re Application of : September 3, 2002
J. P. Brezin, et al : Group Art No.: 2172
Serial No. 09/282,860 : Examiner: J. Fluering
Filed: March 31, 1999 : for IBM Corporation
Anne Vachon Dougherty
Title: OPTIMIZATION OF SYSTEM 3173 Cedar Road
PERFORMANCE BASED ON Yorktown Heights, NY 10598
COMMUNICATION RELATIONSHIP

AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office
Action dated June 3, 2002 for the above-identified patent
application. The period for response is, therefore, set to
expire on September 3, 2002 and no additional fee is due. In
response to the Office Action, the Applicants wish to submit the
following amendments and remarks.